



## Lowcountry Observance of the Civil War Sesquicentennial Calendar of Events for April 2011

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*For a comprehensive schedule of events for the  
2010-2015 Sesquicentennial Observance,  
please visit [www.sccivilwar.org](http://www.sccivilwar.org).*

### APRIL 18 – MONDAY

**(9AM-5PM) The Old Slave Mart Museum.** The museum recounts the story of Charleston's role in this inter-state slave trade by focusing on the history of this particular building and site and the slave sales that occurred here. The museum is possibly the only known building used as a slave auction gallery in South Carolina still in existence. Ongoing exhibit, open Mon.-Sat. 9am-5pm; The Old Slave Mart Museum, 6 Chalmers St., Downtown Charleston. Admission: Free. *Produced by The Old Slave Mart Museum (843) 958-6467.*

**(9AM-5PM) City Under Siege: Charleston In The Civil War.** This permanent exhibition provides a rich overview of events in and around Charleston from secession to 1865 and includes uniforms, artillery shells, firearms, "gunboat china," the watch of a fallen South Carolina soldier, and the recently-acquired prosthesis of Colonel Peter Gaillard, who lost his hand in action against Union forces on Morris Island. Ongoing exhibit, open Mon.-Sat. 9am-5pm, Sun. 1-5pm; Charleston Museum, 360 Meeting St., Downtown Charleston. Admission: \$10/Adults; \$5/Children. *Produced by the Charleston Museum (843) 722-2996.*

**(9AM-5PM) Secessionists, Soldiers and Slaves: The Middleton Family's Civil War.** Includes changing exhibits exploring rice culture during the war, the building of Charleston's defenses, investing in experimental "seegar boats", the use of slaves for war projects and runaway slaves fleeing the plantations for Union bases in Beaufort and Port Royal. On view through December 31, 2015, open daily 9am-5pm; Middleton Place, 4300 Ashley River Rd., West Ashley. Admission: \$25/Adults; \$15/Students (14+ with student ID); \$10/Child (6-13); Free/Child (Under 5). *Produced by Middleton Place Foundation (843) 566-6020.*

**(9AM-5PM) Threads of War: Clothing and Textiles of the Civil War.** Women's, men's and children's clothing, uniforms and accessories, flags, quilts and coverlets, along with period magazines, newspapers, daguerreotypes and diaries provide vivid images of 1860s Charleston and a lifestyle torn apart by war. On view through September 5, open Mon.-Sat. 9am-5pm, Sun. 1-5pm; Charleston Museum, 360 Meeting St., Downtown Charleston. Admission: \$10/Adults; \$5/Children. *Produced by the Charleston Museum (843) 722-2996.*

**(9AM-8PM) Mystery Mondays: Morse Code.** Crack the code and get a prize! This fun activity is suitable for all ages. Mon. April 4, 11, 18 & 25 from 9am-8pm; Charleston County Public Main Library, 68 Calhoun St., Downtown Charleston. Admission: Free. *Produced by the Charleston County Public Library (843) 805-6930.*

**(10AM-11:30AM) The Civil War on the Web.** Did you know it's the 150th anniversary of the beginning of the American Civil War? Come time-travel with us as we explore some fascinating sites about the war. We'll view image galleries, soldiers' records, online journals and much more! Mon. April 18 from 10–11:30am; Charleston County Public Main Library, 68 Calhoun St., Downtown Charleston. Admission: Free. *Produced by the Charleston County Public Library (843) 805-6930.*

**(10AM-4:30PM) Secessionists, Soldiers and Slaves: The Alston Family's Civil War.** A witness to history, the Edmondston-Alston served as the site General Beauregard used to watch the Bombardment of Fort Sumter and was a refuge for General Robert E. Lee during the Great Fire of 1861. The permanent collections include rare documents. On view through December 31, 2015, guided tours Tues.-Sat. 10am-4pm, Sun. 1:30-4:30pm, Mon. 10am-4:30pm; Edmondston-Alston House, 21 East Battery, Downtown Charleston. Admission: \$10. *Produced by Middleton Place Foundation (843) 722-7171.*

**(VARIOUS TIMES ALL DAY) Fort Sumter Harbor Cruise and Tour.** Fort Sumter is the Island Fort where the Civil War began. Experience a narrated cruise through Charleston's historic harbor out to Fort Sumter. Listen to historians as they talk about the fort's pivotal role in the War Between the States. Visit the museum and gift shop during your trip, then enjoy a one hour harbor tour before returning to shore. Ongoing, tours depart at various times daily from Liberty Square at Aquarium Wharf, 360 Concord St., Downtown Charleston and Patriots Point, 40 Patriots Point Rd., Mount Pleasant. Admission: \$16/Adults; \$14.50/Seniors; \$10/Child (6-11); Free/Child (Under 6). *Produced by SpiritLine Cruises (800) 789-3678.*